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Energy Policy
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) aims and objectives of proposed Energy Policy;

(b) the extent to which the new policy is different from the existing policy;

(c) whether the Ministry of Coal has any reservations over this policy and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether NITI Aayog has proposed to align domestic coal prices with international prices; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor including the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a) : The National Energy Policy (NEP) aims to chart the way forward to meet the Government's bold announcements in the energy domain. The aims and objectives of the NEP are as under:

Aims: (i) All the Census villages are planned to be electrified by the year 2019, and universal electrification is to be achieved, with 24x7 electricity by the year 2022, (ii) To reduce emission intensity per unit GDP by 33% to 35% by the year 2030 as per Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) (iii) achieving a 175 GW renewable energy capacity by the year 2022, and (iv) share of non-fossil fuel based capacity in the electricity mix that is aimed at above 40% by the year 2030.

Objectives: (i) Access at affordable prices, (ii) improved energy security and Independence, (iii) Greater Sustainability and (iv) Economic Growth.

(b) : The NEP builds on the achievements of the earlier omnibus energy policy − the Integrated Energy Policy (IEP), and sets the new agenda consistent with the redefined role of emerging developments in the energy world. The new draft policy differs from the previous policy by the issues related to sharp decline of crude oil prices, advances in solar energy technology, heightened concern of climate change, ambitious target of Renewable energy and rural electrification agenda adopted by the Government.

(c) : In view of the fact, that energy is handled by different Ministries that have the primary responsibility of setting their own sectoral agenda, an omnibus policy is required to achieve the goal of energy security through coordination between these sources. NITI Aayog has been preparing the NEP in consultation with different stakeholders including the Ministry of Coal.

(d) & (e) : NITI Aayog is of the view that the proposed policy does not call for alignment of domestic coal prices with the international prices.

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